

Gleanings From the Wayside

July 4, 1901. We are reminded that the years are passing and eternity is coming. It seems that the genuine patriotism that characterized our forefathers has been lost sight of in a measure. The anxiety that filled their hearts on that memorable 4th of July, 1776, is measurably swallowed up in cannon crackers and torpedoes and sky rockets. In listening to the noise and harangue today I thought what a change a hundred and twenty-five years have wrought—from one of sacredness and joy to one of revelry and debauchery. And then the money spent for this trashy amusement would swell the mission fund largely and would feed many a hungry soul, both literally and spiritually. I see those things thru a different lens from what I once did, when I see the suffering and destitute around us. Lord help us all to consider the good we all may do while the days are going by.

Our Indiana Ministerial Association was one of the best we have held, altho not largely attended, locally. A goodly number of ministers were present and the sessions were interesting.

It was our privilege to attend the grove meeting near Sidney last Sunday. Good attendance, but very warm. I endeavored to preach in the morning. Brother I. B. Wright gave us an appropriate talk in the afternoon, and brother D. A. Hopkins delivered a good sermon at 3 p. m. All seemed to enjoy the service very much.

I think the last number of the EVANGELIST good. May it continue to improve and be the means of carrying the message of salvation to those who may be thirsting for primitive Christianity. May the white-winged messenger of peace spread her pinions over our beloved brotherhood.

WM. W. SUMMERS.

North Manchester, Ind.

Sergeantsville, N. J.

Notwithstanding the extreme warm weather, the thermometer registers 103 degrees in the shade, the work of the Lord is prospering here. We received three into fellowship on last Sunday by laying on of hands and prayer. One of the num- was baptized on Saturday last; the other two a couple of weeks ago. All heads of families.

E. H. SMITH.

Bethesda, Ohio

This class is still "trying to walk in the steps of the Savior." Since April 1, D. M. Rittenhouse has been preaching for us with the exception of a few times brother O. L. Brown filled the pulpit. Last week three were received into the church by baptism. Last evening we observed communion service which was indeed a spiritual feast. We were disappointed in having none of the Bryan people with us.

We have a good live Sunday-school, which is expecting an outing at the lake in perhaps two or three weeks.

A short time ago we organized a Young People's Society.

We are preparing to paint the church on the outside soon.

HATTIE KANAUER.

Cambria, Ind.

Some days ago I received an invitation to attend a Sister's Society meeting at Tiosa, Ind. I met some of the society of Burns' Chapel. They had a fine program and all the subjects were ably discussed. They formed a county union to hold at least one joint meeting a year. It being the first time I ever attended a meeting of this kind, to say I enjoyed it is expressing it mildly. I would advise more of the S. S. C. E's. to hold their union meetings as they get so much inspiration. The meeting was held in the church. They brought their dinner and it was not behind the other part of the program. In the afternoon we tried to

preach to them and again in the evening, also next morning.

In the evening we attended one of the finest children's meeting. While the weather was so warm the program was well arranged and carried out to the letter.

Everything is moving along nicely at Oakville. At our last appointment we presented the National Mission cause to the people. They responded with a collection of over ten dollars, making about thirty-five dollars mission money raised since Jan. 1. Brethren, why is it we do not get more mission money? I must confess I was surprised at our Easter offering. It ought to have been twice what it was. Brother preachers, might it not be your fault? I find the more missionary sermons I preach the easier I get my salary.

It was our sad lot to bury one of our members here at Mount Pleasant last week, one who died in the Philippines. His body was over three months on the way home.

JOHN M. FOX.

Pacific Items

In a recent number of the Evangelist mention was made of the fact that I was expected to hold a short revival service in the church at Salem, Oregon. The meeting is over, and I am at home again, possibly a few words concerning the church and the work may be of interest to some of the readers, and so I shall write them. The church is a country congregation, six miles from the city of Salem, and 700 miles from my home. It is in the very midst of the wonderfully fertile Willamette valley, and surrounded by a very beautiful landscape. Forests of fir and oak, have been cleared away to make room for many fields of grass, corn and grain, but thousands of magnificent trees still lift their heads high toward the heavens. The congregation is about two years old, and was organized as a result of the visit of meddlesome "adjoining elders," who found things considerably out of line on the "order question." When they had done their work and departed, only fragments of a former spiritual household were remaining. Under the leadership of Bro. J. B. Early, some of these fragments were gathered together, and formed a Brethern church, declaring for the whole Bible and only that. While this was only another case of division, I am very glad indeed to be able to say that it left no bitterness in the community. Our people must have leaned heavily on the Lord and certainly found sustaining grace. A more zealous, patient and loving band, I have not found anywhere. I found them Christians and Brethren in every sense and the encouraging results of our labors there, were only possible because of the alacrity with which they worked. Twelve souls were added to their number. A splendid communion was held. Bro. and Sister Partch were ordained to the deacons office, and Bro. Early and wife were elected and ordained to the office of elder. The official family is a strong one and the laity is made up of material that does not shirk. I shall never forget the kindness shown to me by the church and community, and ask all to join with me in frequent prayer for the Salem Brethern Church.

The Calif. annual Camp Meeting is to be held in same ground as last year, near French Camp, and four miles south of Stockton. It will open on Friday evening, Aug. 23, and continue ten days as usual. The church is having a large tent made now, 45x90 ft. in which the meeting will be held. This tent is so made that it can be cut down to a round tent. 45 ft. in diameter, the smaller tent is to be used in holding evangelistic services at points where no suitable room can be secured. We have comfortable seats and would be glad to entertain you all, or at least a good many of you if you could be with us then. Conference sessions will be held on Monday, Wednesday, Saturday and on the last day of meeting. Let all the Brethern in Calif take notice. We hope to have a new preacher,

fresh from the east to take the lead in breaking the Bread of Life to the people. During the last five C. meetings, I have preached from 20 to 25 sermon at each and the people want a change as badly as I want to be relieved, it will be no fault of ours if we fail in getting a new preacher.

The Lordsburg church still forges ahead under the able and zealous leadership of Bro. Schisler. On Monday evening July 1, the corner stone of the new church will be laid out with appropriate ceremony.

Bro. Holsingers book, "The history of the Brethren and Tunkers" is nearing completion. He returned home from Oakland today, where the printing and binding is being done, and bids me say that the book will contain nearly if not quite 800 pages, and will be ready for delivery about the middle of July. The manuscript is all in now, and the last chapters are being set up, so that we are sure the end of the work is not very far away. For two and a half years he has been work with all his strength upon it, and it will deserve a wide reading. Though he is much enfeebled in body, and often is so weak in voice that one can scarcely understand him at all, yet no one can detect his condition from the composition of the book, the same racy, clear style that always characterized his productions, is not weakened in the slightest degree. It makes the reading of even statistics and other usually dry matter a pleasure. I have read the whole book in manuscript and give it as my candid opinion that it will surprise the Brotherhood I sincerely hope it will go into every Brethren family, and many outside. You can't afford to miss it.

I have accepted the unanimous call of my people here to continue my work in their midst. Thus I shall soon begin my sixth year as laborer in this vineyard. May God grant me grace to serve Him and His people always with acceptance.

MARTIN SHIVELY.

Lathrop, Calif.

Gravelton, Ind.

Our communion of the 22, was a success, and we all enjoyed a good time spiritually. Altho we were somewhat disappointed by not seeing a notice of the communion in the EVANGELIST. However, we take the blame all on ourselves. The work at this place is moving along very nicely. We have large congregations to speak to. This church has called us to work with them for the advancement of the cause of Christ for the fourth year, and we hope and pray that this year may be the best of the four.

Our Sunday-school is prospering under the leadership of Brother Holderman. He has been superintendent of the school for almost four years. We can say for Brother Holderman that he is a great Sunday-school leader. Our prayer is that God may ever bless him in the work. Will the brethren and sisters who read this little article breathe a word of prayer to God in behalf of our work at Gravelton that it may continue to prosper to the honor and glory of God. Half of our time for the coming year has not yet been taken.

C. H. MARKS.

Martinsburg, Pa.

Seeing an article in EVANGELIST No. 24, by brother W. J. H. Bauman I can say amen to. I notice tho he calls that divine healer of Chicago a fraud. Brethren, in the name of God, do not do this, for if the work be of God it will stand, if not it will fall. I will not say he is a fraud or not, time will tell. I can not see how he can call himself John the Baptist; there he goes too far. I must admit when we lost Brother Piper we lost a good man. I knew him and expected great things of him. The least we can say about Rev. Dowie the better. I heard of a man who called our church the tedle-winker wink church. God has removed him. Do